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Dr. S. F. Darling,
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Dear Dr. Darling:

Thank you for your shipment of 168 gms. of cellobiose, just received, and for your letter describing some of the other compounds you have on hand.

I would appreciate it if you could suggest a price for the following, if they are available:

L-rhamnose 25 - 50 g.

L-arabinose 50 - 100 g.

D-arabinose 10 g.

I am also curious about the beta-methyl L-arabinoside. Dr. Link and I had some discussion about the terminology of the pentosides which leaves open the possibility that this refers to a compound homomorphous with lactose. At one time, one of his students misunderstood what I was seeking and prepared the compound so named, m.p. 169°, but which is the melibiose homomorph. I think his preparation involved condensation with MeOH in the presence of HCl. The lactose analogue, in which I am interested, probably could be made without too much trouble from acetobrom-arabinose. If this happens to be what you have, I would like very much to tap your supply.

Yours sincerely,

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